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REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 13, 16 were previously cancelled and Claims 19 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Therefore, Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19 remain pending for prosecution. Of the pending claims, Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-18 have been allowed.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 19 because Claim 19 recites "the method as recited in claim 18," but Claim 18 recites "a universal meta model" comprising means. Claim 19 has been amended to replace "the method as recited in claim 18" with --the universal meta model as recited in claim 19--. In addition, the limitations "receiving a representation of a CanDrop edit request" and "determining validity of said CanDrop edit request" have been amended to recite --means for receiving a representation of a CanDrop edit request--, and --means for determining validity of said CanDrop edit request--, respectively.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this Amendment and Response to Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Pending Application, including claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-19, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, and the Pending Application be promptly allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such contact would in any way facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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